

**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY
N.J. OFFICE OF HOMELAND SECURITY & PREPAREDNESS**

**FY 2010 Urban Areas Security Initiative: Nonprofit Security Grant Program
NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS FOR GRANT PROGRAM**

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) announced on December 8, 2009, that nonprofit organizations in designated UASI areas nationwide are eligible to apply for funds as part of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2010 Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) Nonprofit Security Grant Program (NSGP). This competitive grant program will provide \$19 million nationwide to eligible 501(c)(3) organizations that are deemed at high-risk of a potential international terrorist attack. @

Nonprofit organizations must submit applications (Investment Justification) to the N.J. Office of Homeland Security & Preparedness (NJOHSP), to be considered eligible for a federal award up to \$75,000. In FY 2010, grantees are not required to provide a match. However, an applicant's willingness to contribute a match will not impact application scores and, thus, allocations. **Not all eligible nonprofit organizations are guaranteed to receive funding under the FY 2010 NSGP.**

PROGRAM PURPOSES

Grants will be awarded to nonprofit organizations through the NJOHSP (as the designated State Administrative Agency) according to criteria that include:

1. Prior identified and substantiated threats or attacks by a terrorist organization toward the nonprofit or closely-related organization, either within or outside the U.S.;
2. Symbolic value of a site as a highly recognized national or historical institution that renders it a possible terrorist target;
3. Organization's role in responding to or recovering from terrorist attacks; and
4. Organization's credible threat or vulnerability, as well as the potential consequences of an attack, as determined by a previously conducted risk assessment.

The federal grant funds must be used for target-hardening activities, which can be accomplished through the purchase or installation of security equipment on real property (owned or leased by the nonprofit organization) and training. Allowable equipment is limited to physical security enhancements (e.g., alarm systems, bulletproof doors or windows) and/or inspection and screening systems (e.g., walk-through magnetometers and conveyor-belt x-ray systems used to screen personnel and packages for hazardous materials/devices). For a complete listing of allowable equipment, please refer to the Authorized Equipment List at <https://www.rkb.us/index.cfm>, categories 14 - Physical Security Enhancement Equipment; 15 - Inspection and Screening Systems, and 21 - Other Authorized Equipment. Additionally, nonprofit organization security personnel may use NSGP funds to attend security-related training courses and programs. Allowable training-related costs under NSGP are limited to attendance fees for the training, and related expenses, such as materials, supplies, and/or equipment. Allowable training topics are limited to the protection of CI/KR, including physical and cyber security, target hardening, and terrorism awareness/employee preparedness. Not all eligible nonprofit organizations and UASI communities are guaranteed to receive funding under the FY 2010 NSGP. Allocation decisions will be made based on risk and how

well applicants address program requirements through their investment justifications. DHS is responsible for making final funding decisions.

GRANT PERIOD

The period of performance is **36 months** from the date of award. Any unobligated funds will be deobligated by the NJOHSP at the end of this period. Extensions to the period of performance will be considered on a case-by-case basis and only through formal written request to NJOHSP with a detailed justification that demonstrates the need for an extension beyond 36 months.

ELIGIBILITY

The Governor, under Executive Order #5 has designated the NJOHSP as the State Administrative Agency (SAA) for the FY 2010 Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) Nonprofit Security Grant Program. Investment Justifications (IJ's) may be submitted to the SAA from eligible nonprofit organizations (as described under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and exempt from tax under section 501(a) of such Code). Institutions of higher education are not eligible to apply for the FY 2010 NSGP. Eligible nonprofit organizations must be located within the following counties:

- **Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Middlesex, Morris, Passaic, Union, Hunterdon, Monmouth, Sussex, Somerset, Ocean and Pike County Pa.**

APPLICATION DUE DATE

Completed Investment Justifications must be received by the NJOHSP no later than 5:00 p.m., March 19, 2010. No exceptions will be made to this deadline. More detailed guidelines and templates may be found on the following website:

- <http://www.njhomelandsecurity.gov/grants/2010.html>

APPLICATION CONTENT

Applicants must complete the following for the FY10 UASI Nonprofit Security Grant Program application:

- Guidance to complete the Investment Justification template can be found at:
<http://www.njhomelandsecurity.gov/grants/2010.html>

***All completed Investment Justification Templates must be electronically submitted to the NJOHSP via the Web portal: grants@ohsp.state.nj.us. If an eligible nonprofit organization does not have the information technology capability to submit its completed Investment Justification via the NJOHSP portal, a hard copy version of the application must be received at the NJOHSP **no later than 5:00 p.m., March 19, 2010.**

NOTE: In addition to these general requirements, applicants should review the relevant program-specific sections of the Program Guidance and Application kit. **All grant recipients are assumed to have read, understood, and accepted the Program Guidance as binding.**

QUESTIONS

Please email questions to: grants@ohsp.state.nj.us

APPLICATION EVALUATION

Each Investment Justification will be reviewed for completeness, adherence to programmatic guidelines, feasibility, and how well the proposed solution addresses the identified risk. IJ's will be reviewed in two phases to leverage local knowledge and understanding of the applicant's risk for terrorist attack while also ensuring coordination and alignment with Federal, State and local preparedness efforts.

IJ's will be reviewed and prioritized by a peer review panel comprised of NJOHSP staff along with the Urban Area Working Group and the Citizen Corps Council. The prioritized list of nonprofit organizations along with their corresponding Investment Justifications will then be forwarded to DHS. The IJ's will then be reviewed and award determinations made through a panel of evaluators from across DHS, including components within the Office of Infrastructure Protection (e.g., Risk Management Division, Office of Bombing Prevention), the Domestic Nuclear Detection Office (as applicable), and the Office of Intelligence and Analysis.

DHS evaluation criteria include such items as:

- § Identification and substantiation of prior threats or attacks (within or outside the U.S.) By a terrorist organization, network, or cell against the applicant;
- § Symbolic value of the site(s) as a highly recognized national or historical institution that renders the site a possible target of terrorism;
- § Proximity of the nonprofit organization to identified CI/KR;
- § Role of the applicant nonprofit organization in responding of terrorist attacks;
- § Findings from previously conducted threat, vulnerability and/or consequence assessments;
- § Integration of nonprofit preparedness with broader state and local preparedness efforts to include coordination with the Citizen Corps Council; and
- § Complete, feasible investment justifications that address an identified risk, including threat, vulnerability or consequence.

IMPORTANT DATES/DEADLINES

Investment Justification Deadline (Submission to NJOHSP web portal grants@ohsp.state.nj.us), **March 19, 2010.**

NOTIFICATION OF AWARD

DHS will evaluate and act upon **within ninety (90) days of April 19, 2010** and will notify NJOHSP if any nonprofit organizations in New Jersey's UASI region were identified to receive funding under the FY10 NSGP.